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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM - OCTOBER 21-22 US/EC CONSULTA-
TIONS -- PROPOSED AGENDA (S/S NO.7619517)

FOR ROGERS FROM HARTMAN

1. THE PROBLEM: WE HAVE AGREED WITH SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, YOUR INTERLOCUTOR IN THE SEMI-ANNUAL US/EC CONSULTATIONS, TO HOLD THE THIRTEENTH ROUND IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 21-22. AS HOST, WE HAVE THE INITIATIVE IN PROPOSAL THE AGENDA. OUR PROPOSAL IN THE FORM OF A DRAFT CABLE, IS ATTACHED.

2. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS: UNTIL THE ELEVENTH ROUND OF THE CONSULTATIONS LAST NOVEMBER, OUR SEMI-ANNUAL TALKS WITH THE EC WERE CHARACTERIZED BY PLENARY SESSIONS FOCUSED LARGELY ON TRADE MATTERS. BUILDING ON A MUTUAL FEELING THAT THE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD EVOLVE IN THE DIRECTION OF GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND BROADER SUBJECT COVERAGE, WE TOOK THE
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LEAD IN THE ELEVENTH ROUND TO:

3. -- STRUCTURE THE CONSULTATIONS AROUND MORE LIMITED
PLENARY SESSIONS, COMPLEMENTED BY WORKING GROUP MEETINGS
ON PARTICULAR AREAS OF POLICY; AND

4. -- EXPAND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE POLICY AREAS -- IN
ADDITION TO TRADE -- THAT REQUIRED DETAILED CONSULTATION.

5. -- THIS FORMAT HAS WORKED WELL IN BOTH THE ELEVENTH
AND TWELFTH ROUNDS, AND WE ARE AGAIN PROPOSING THIS
APPROACH FOR THE OCTOBER MEETINGS. TO ACHIEVE FLEXIBILITY
INCLUDING THE FREE TIME THAT SIR CHRISTOPHER WILL WANT
FOR INDIVIDUAL CALLS AROUND TOWN, WE ARE SUGGESTING ONLY
TWO PLENARY SESSIONS BRACKETING LIMITED WORKING GROUP
MEETINGS. WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECT COVERAGE, WE PROPOSE
THAT THE CONSULTATIONS FOCUS ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC
SITUATION, NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, EAST/WEST QUESTIONS, TRADE
RELATIONS, AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF RELATIONS WITH THIRD
COUNTRIES.

6. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

7. ATTACHMENT - PROPOSED AGENDA FOR US/EC CONSULTATIONS -
THIRTEENTH ROUND, OCTOBER 21-22

1. OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTEENTH ROUND
OF THE US/EC CONSULTATIONS OCTOBER 21-22 IN WASHINGTON
ARE SET FORTH BELOW. WE ARE AGAIN SUGGESTING THE MORE
FLEXIBLE PLENARY/WORKING GROUP FORMAT OF THE LAST TWO
ROUNDS. WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECT COVERAGE, WE ARE PROPOSIN
THAT THE TALKS FOCUS ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, TRADE RELATION
THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, EAST/WEST QUESTIONS, AND
POLITICAL ASPECTS OF RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES.

2. PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

1000 ROGERS/SOAMES MEETING

1030-1245 PLENARY I AT STATE DEPARTMENT

-BRIEF OPENING STATEMENTS
-GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION
-NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES

1300 LUNCHEON AT STATE DEPARTMENT

(ARRANGEMENTS PENDING)

1530-1700 WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

A. TRADE (CO-CHAIRMEN TO BE
DETERMINED)

B. NORTH/SOUTH (CO-CHAIRMEN
TO BE DETERMINED)

INDIVIDUAL CALLS BY MEMBERS OF E
DELEGATION

EVENING EC DELEGATION DINNERS ("POLITICA
DINNER AND "OTHER" DINNER, AS
IN THE PAST)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

0930-1145 PLENARY II AT STATE DEPARTMENT

-REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS

-TRADE RELATIONS

-EAST/WEST QUESTIONS

-GENERAL DISCUSSION

1200 JOINT ROGERS/SOAMES PRESS CONFER-
ENCE AT STATE DEPARTMENT

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMISSION REACTION AND COMMENTS,
TOGETHER WITH EARLY INDICATION OF WHO WILL BE ON EC DELE-
GATION. ONCE WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON FORMAT AND
GENERAL SUBJECT COVERAGE, WE WILL PROVIDE INDICATION OF
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SPECIFIC ISSUES WE INTEND TO RAISE IN THE VARIOUS POLICY
AREAS. -

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